

people, though proffering a Richmond paper, are forced to take a foreign paper, because they may receive it regularly, ten, twelve and fifteen hours before a Richmond paper could reach them. In the same way, merchants and others desiring to reach Richmond must lie over at small stations without comforts for hours, awaiting a connection that will bring them to this city, and in the same way, when they return from Richmond, they are subjected to hardships.

The Chesapeake and Ohio local train that leaves Richmond at 3:30 A. M., reaches Staunton at 5:30 P. M.—too late for the connection with Harrisonburg for two hours and a half. The northern-bound train on the Valley division of the Baltimore and Ohio leaves Staunton at 1:15 P. M. The next train out of Staunton, and the only one after the arrival of the mails from Richmond, is a mixed train leaving Staunton at 5:15 A. M., and making the trip of twenty-six miles in two hours, so that passengers and mails from Richmond do not reach Harrisonburg until 7 P. M.—too late for delivery. By having the local train that leaves Richmond at 3:30 A. M. instead, a connection could be made with the Valley train for Harrisonburg, enabling persons and mails destined for Harrisonburg to reach there at 2:10 P. M. Such an extension from Richmond would reach the train for Harrisonburg at 7 or 8 o'clock, to arrive here near the noon hour. It would benefit Staunton proportionately as much as Richmond, in the opinion of many persons here.

Harrisonburg's Complaint.

The following communication from Harrisonburg shows the attitude of the people of that prosperous town:

Harrisonburg, April 12.

During the past few months, or since the recent conference in Richmond between the railroad officials and the Corporation Commission, there has been much discussion among local people about rail connections in the Valley—at Strasburg Junction, Harrisonburg and Staunton. The last named city has been regarded as one of the most important points, as it concerns the Ohio Railway for Richmond.

At present, so a prominent business man remarked to your correspondent, the chances are exceedingly slim for making a reasonable connection with Staunton, either going to or coming from Richmond. The merchants would patronize Richmond wholesale houses if there were facilities for communicating with the State capital.

Mail from Richmond is really a day late in reaching the Valley. For instance, a letter sent out from Richmond one afternoon does not generally reach Harrisonburg until the next afternoon at 2:30. A letter mailed in Richmond at 6 o'clock one morning will, at best, not reach this postoffice until 6:25 the next morning.

Such mail service is abominable, and a local railroad official made the suggestion that the Chesapeake and Ohio put a train out of Richmond for the west early in the morning, and in time would provide passenger connections with the Baltimore and Ohio for the northern part of the Valley at 1 o'clock.

The trade which now goes from Rockingham county to Baltimore could be easily turned to Richmond if the railroad facilities were satisfactory.

It is probable that action will be taken in the near future by the Harrisonburg Board of Trade looking towards securing satisfactory connections. The people of the Valley would rather trade with a home city than a town outside the State. At Covington, on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, the station for Hot Springs, the Cincinnati, Washington and Baltimore papers all reach there hours ahead of the Richmond mails. Our Covington correspondent well describes the isolation of that town by existing schedules and the desire of the business men and citizens generally for some timely and adequate remedy, one that will make communication between that section and Richmond possible.

As Covington Views It.

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through morning train west from Richmond. He mentioned in this connection the fact that at present the mail is not delivered in Covington until the day after it is mailed in Richmond.

Hon. H. L. Garrett said that he approved the proposed attempt by the business men of Richmond to secure the running of a west-bound train out of Richmond early every morning. He said that as a result of the present arrangement the people of Covington are greatly inconvenienced.

Mr. J. E. Hollins, cashier of the Covington National Bank, said that such a train was a long-felt need on the part of the people of Covington, and that he very earnestly desired to see such a service secured.

Mr. C. B. Cushing, a well known lawyer of this place, when asked his opinion on this subject, gave as his reason for desiring a change in the present arrangement the delay in getting the mail under the existing schedule. He emphasized the fact that the lack of a more satisfactory arrangement for getting the mail in good time frequently necessitated the use of the long distance phone or the telegraph.

Business Men Take Action.

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Orange in the Procession.

ORANGE, Va., April 14.—Further inquiry as to the mail facilities between this place and Richmond reveals the fact that a large majority of the leading business men of Orange are in favor of improved mail service between the two places. They are very much dissatisfied with the present conditions. Mr. J. C. Stover, assistant cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Orange, stated that his Richmond mails came very irregularly, and that any improvement along this line would be an excellent thing.

Mr. W. W. Greiner, hardware merchant, states that his Richmond mail is rarely on time. Mr. J. C. Stover, leading druggist, stated to-day that his Richmond papers were very irregular, and as a rule did not get them until the following day after issue. He expressed the hope that some arrangement would soon be made so that the papers could reach here on time. All the New York and other Northern papers reach here as early as 10 A. M.

Mr. D. May, another leading druggist, states that his Richmond mail never gets here on time, and that some improvement would be very desirable.

Mr. T. Bond said to-day that his papers do not come with any regularity. Numbers of others say that the mail facilities between this place and Richmond are very bad, and express hope that some improvement will be made soon.

Letters are pouring in to The Times-Dispatch from every section of the isolated territory, endorsing the movement begun by this paper and realizing conditions as they actually exist. Here are some of them from correspondents of the paper and others:

As Viewed at Woodstock.

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The Times-Dispatch has struck the keynote of the people in the Valley in the articles published recently referring to railway connections through Northern Virginia with Richmond.

During the year thousands of dollars are sent to Baltimore and northern cities for goods which could and would be delivered to Covington and would be delivered to Richmond if proper schedules and rates could be obtained from the railroads, besides the increase in the circulation of Richmond newspapers which would be very large.

In order for a person to reach Richmond in one day, he must travel early morning train at night, and spend a portion of the night in Washington. The first train arriving at Woodstock, bringing the morning papers, reaches here at 3:05 P. M., while very often the afternoon papers reach this point five hours after they are printed in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. The papers of the following day have arrived.

A number of our citizens have expressed pleasure at the stand The Times-Dispatch has taken and trust that good results will follow.

Efforts to arrange better schedules have

WANT STATE CONVENTION

This End in View.

The City Democratic Committee met at Murphy's Hotel last night and transacted a great deal of work with reference to the coming municipal primary, and appointed a committee of ten to appear before the State Committee and urge that the State Convention be held here this year.

The resignations of Messrs. Butler, Lee, and Dance, of Clay Ward, respectively, were accepted. Mr. C. W. Hunter, secretary of the Cardwell Machine Company, was elected to succeed Mr. Butler, while the place of Mr. Dance was filled by the election of Mr. J. P. Pettis, the well known Capitol policeman, who has been active in politics for twenty years or more.

Three assistant ward superintendents were chosen to fill vacancies as follows: Madison, S. C. Shields; Marshall, E. C. Hicks; Clay, Dr. W. J. West.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, a committee of three was named to draft a letter to the officers of the primary directing their attention to the provisions of the plan, and telling them that it was the purpose of the body to have an absolutely fair primary.

An effort was made to let the mayoralty candidates in for \$100 each, but this was rejected, and the result is that Mayor McCarty and Taylor will have to put up \$50 each to-day in addition to the \$100 already paid, unless another candidate shall come out.

It was decided that the Finance Committee should confer with the city officials to see what the highest number of votes in the primary to get the former.

Mr. J. R. Leaman, superintendent of old Jackson Ward, said Superintendent Folker, of Madison, was infringing on his ward, and it was proposed that the various ward superintendents agree among themselves what precincts each shall have charge of in the primary.

The chair named the following committee of ten to work to secure the convention for this city: Messrs. Dewey, Williams, Manning, Folker, West, McCarty, Hughes, Poyton, Hicks and Saunders.

been made before the completion, but no good results have been obtained, the last decision permitting the Baltimore and Ohio to hold the Southern Division minutes longer than before.

Rockbridge Isolated, Too.

Brownsville, Va., April 15.

Allow me to extend my hearty commendation of your efforts to bring the Valley people in close touch with Richmond. The people along the Baltimore and Ohio, between this place and their metropolis, rather than Richmond, for the very reasons which you so forcibly bring forward. For one Richmond paper taken in this section, two Baltimore papers are most without exception, but that of the Baltimore and Ohio is a fair and heavy shipping section is handled by Baltimore commission merchants, and all this could be diverted to Richmond with decent railway connections and freight rates. I do not know of any of my acquaintances who buy live stock to Richmond or who buy his fertilizer there; all go to Baltimore.

There are dozens of people in this immediate neighborhood who have not been to Richmond since the war. They are, however, familiar with Baltimore. Times almost forgot that Richmond is the capital of the State.

I have tried the experiment this year of taking your paper, having for years taken that excellent paper "The Baltimore Sun," because it came regularly on the day it was published. Sometimes I get your paper; sometimes I do not. This is somewhat of a strain upon my loyalty. I hope that the people of Richmond will realize the fact that they are practically isolated from the most fertile section of Virginia, and that the heavy shipments of beef cattle and farm products which come to Baltimore are at where they belong, and to our own capital city.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday.

Brooklyn, 2; New York, 5.
Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 5.
Philadelphia, 0; Boston, 5.
St. Louis, 4; Pittsburgh, 5.

Where They Play To-day.

Boston at Philadelphia.
New York at Brooklyn.
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Standing of the Clubs.

Pittsburg, 5; St. Louis, 4.
St. Louis, April 15.—The Pittsburg and St. Louis teams opened here to-day. The home team outbatted the visitors, but failed to make the hits count.

Score:
St. Louis, 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 5 2
Pittsburg, 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 5 2

Batteries: Taylor and Byers; Phillips and Phelps. Time, 1:40. Umpire, O'Day. Attendance, 7,000.

New York, 5; Brooklyn, 2.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Brooklyn met defeat for the second time at the hands of the New York team to-day in Brooklyn.

Score:
New York, 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 5 6 1
Brooklyn, 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 5 7 4

Batteries: McGinnity and Warner; Cronin and Bergen. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Emmle. Attendance, 1,000.

Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 0.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Boston won to-day's game from Philadelphia by hard hitting in the first inning.

Score:
Boston, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 12 0
Philadelphia, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 2

Batteries: Puttinger and Meany; Barry, Brackridge, Doolin and Marshall. Time, 1:35. Umpire, Moran. Attendance, 2,383.

Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 5.

CINCINNATI, April 15.—Darkness put an end to the Cincinnati-Chicago game to-day after ten innings had been played without a decision being reached.

Score:
Cincinnati, 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 5 5 2
Chicago, 0 0 1 2 0 1 0 1 0 5 5 3

Batteries: Kellum and Peitz; Corbridge and Kling. Time, 2:10. Umpire, Johnstone. Attendance, 1,800.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday.

Washington 6; Philadelphia 6.
New York 1; Boston 4.

Where They Play To-day.

Philadelphia at Washington.
Boston at New York.
St. Louis at Detroit.
Cleveland at Chicago.

Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs. W. L. P. C.
Philadelphia 1 0 1 0 0 1
Cincinnati 1 0 1 0 0 1
New York 1 1 1 0 0 1
Boston 1 1 1 0 0 1
Washington 0 1 0 0 0 1
St. Louis 0 1 0 0 0 1
Chicago 0 1 0 0 0 1

Washington, 6; Philadelphia, 6.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Darkness put an end to to-day's game between Philadelphia and Washington at the end of the tenth inning, with the score a tie.

Score:
Washington, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 12 2
Philadelphia, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 2

Batteries: Patten and Kittredge; Henley and Powers. Time, 1 hour and 55 minutes. Umpire, Connelly. Attendance, 1,100.

Boston, 4; New York, 1.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 15.—Boston defeated New York in the second game of the season here to-day. Powell was hit for four three-baggers and two doubles.

Score:
Boston, 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 4 9 3
New York, 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 4 0

Batteries: Gibson and Farrell; Powell and McGuire. Time, 2 hours. Umpires: Dwyer and Carpenter. Attendance, 3,185.

W. and Lee, 14; Richmond, 2.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LENNINGTON, Va., April 15.—On the university grounds this afternoon the Washington and Lee team won easily by a score of 14 to 2. The university boys outplayed the collegians, fielding surely, batting bravely. Richmond's green twirler, heavily and finding Wood almost as easily.

Johnson A. Freshman, who ranks third on the university's pitching staff, puzzled the collegians. Woodfin being the only one who battled him effectively. Captain Dawson, of the university, singled beautifully twice, while Shields and Wilson followed suit, each with a two-bagger.

The visitors left to-night to play Roanoke College to-morrow.

R. I. E.
Rich. College, 10 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 5 9
University, 0 0 1 1 2 2 0 0 1 1 0

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